



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Office of the Commissioner

May 6, 2004

Mr. Wayne D. Houle, P.E.
 Director of Public Works/City Engineer
 City Hall
 4801 West 50th Street
 Edina, MN 55424-1394

RE: Edina Municipal Well 7 Water Quality

Dear Mr. Houle:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has received your April 5, 2004, letter requesting MPCA assistance in dealing with the volatile organic compounds being detected in the City of Edina's (City) municipal drinking water wells. The City's discontinued use of Well 7 indicates a concern with ground water quality, not just for Edina, but also for the area.

The MPCA is committed to working with the City of Edina and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to address the ground water contamination. Currently, the MPCA is working with an environmental consultant to conduct a more detailed ground water modeling study around the Reilly Tar Site in St. Louis Park. These modeling results should provide us with a better understanding of the regional ground water flow, contaminant transport and clues as to the potential contaminant source(s).

At this time, the MPCA recommends a meeting with City staff, your consultants and MDH staff to identify a future course of action with regard to this issue. The MPCA would like to obtain more information about the nature and extent of the contamination, what options the City has investigated for possible remedies, and discuss the MPCA's possible role in future site evaluations. You also indicated a private well survey was being conducted. The MPCA would be interested in the results of that survey and exploring ways to assist in determining potential impacts to these wells.

The MPCA looks forward to working with the City and MDH to identify alternatives for providing continued safe drinking water to the City residents.

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MPCA staff will be contacting you to set up a meeting to discuss this issue. If you have any questions, please call Nile Fellows of our staff at (651) 296-7299.

Sincerely,



Sheryl A. Corrigan
Commissioner

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cc: Dennis Maetzold, Mayor, City of Edina
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